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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF BABIY YAR MONUMENT

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, THE OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF THE BABIY YAR MONUMENT TOOK PLACE FRIDAY, JULY 2. THE CEREMONY WAS PRESIDED OVER BY KIEV GORKOM FIRST SECRETARY BOTVIN, ADDRESSED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LYASHKO, AND ATTENDED BY WHAT PRAVDA UKRAINY (JULY 3) DESCRIBED AS "THOUSANDS" OF KIEV RESIDENTS--AS WELL AS BY TWO USIA OFFICIALS IN TOWN FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT.

2. THE US OFFICIALS DESCRIBED THE CEREMONY AS TASTELESS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SUFFERING AND HEROIC DEED OF THE SOVIET MILITARY, AND NOTED THAT THE JEWISH ASPECT OF BABIY YAR WAS MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING. LYASHKO, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT "RUSSIANS, UKRAINIANS, JEWS--PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONALITIES" PERISHED THERE. NEITHER THE CEREMONY NOR THE SUBSEQUENT MEDIA COVERAGE MADE CLEAR WHY THE UNVEILING WAS HELD ON JULY 2. STOESEL

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